



Single-use Plastics Prohibition IBMC 16.16 (Fact Sheet)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CITY'S PROHIBITION ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC MATERIALS. (IBMC 16.16.025)

What is the purpose of the plastic food packaging and other plastic materials?

Regulating the use of single-use disposable items within the City will reduce the amount of plastics that enter the environment and the ocean. The goal is to eventually eliminate single-use products, that are not compostable within the City.

Who has to follow the new law?

All City facilities, City-managed concessions, City-sponsored events, City permitted events, food providers, businesses, vendors.

What are the requirements of the new law?

Effective November 15, 2019, no person may sell, offer for sale, or otherwise distribute within the City: 1) any food service container that is not biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable. 2) Any food service container made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene.

What products are acceptable alternatives to polystyrene foam?

See the list in the City's web site.

How will the law be enforced?

The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to establish regulations and to take any and all actions reasonable as necessary to obtain compliance with this law, including, but not limited to, inspecting any food providers premises to verify compliance.

What other products are prohibited?

Plastic straws, plastic stirrers, or plastic cutlery that are not biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable. Single-use plastic carryout bags are also prohibited.

Are waivers available?

The City Manager may waive the provision of section IBMC 16.16.030, 16.16.040, 16.16.050, and 16.16.060. Restrictions apply.

Please call the Environmental Division for more information about this ordinance at (619) 424-4095.